

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING

January 10, 2005

The regular meeting of the Village of Golf Manor was called to order by Mayor Alan Zaffiro; Clerk-Treasurer Gregory Doering recorded the minutes. After the Pledge-Of –Allegiance, the roll was taken with all members present except Ms. Phillips-Young.

Ms. Dubose made a motion to excuse Ms. Phillips-Young, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2004 as corrected, seconded by Mr. Puthoff, all members approved.

Sister Mary Garkey of 2500 Ardmore addressed council reference snow removal. Her driveway was plowed in by our snowplow on December 22 and December 23 which was understandable due to the heavy amount of snow those 2 days. However, the plow came back 7-9 days later and again plowed them in. She called City Hall; the responder had an attitude which she didn't appreciate. Sr. Garkey asked how she should precede should this happen again.

Mayor Zaffiro responded that this was a once in over 25 year's snow; we did the best we could do. Mayor will follow up on customer service complaint.

FINANCE: Mr. Puthoff reported:

1. Finance committee will meet on January 19, 2005 at 7:00 PM in council chambers.
2. Re: additional money requested by Chief Tilley for drug interdiction program. He will meet with Donna Huston to see if/what we can do to secure this additional funding.
3. We (council as a group) need to look at some important numbers.
 - A. Mayors Court: We are only at about 1/3rd of the former income. If changes need to be made to correct this, we need to make them now.
 - B. Police Dept. Citations: Only about 1/3rd of past numbers being made. Once again, could be problem with Mayor's Court and leniency.

SAFETY AND HEALTH: Mr. Puthoff reported that we did not do a good job on snow removal. Some streets were not even able to be negotiated if there was a fire for the Golf Manor Fire Department. That should never have happened.

Per Mayor Zaffiro, we will improve.

Mayor Zaffiro appointed Mr. Brown to the Finance Committee for this meeting. Council had no objection.

Mr. Colvin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Puthoff, to pay the bills totaling \$29,379.63. All members approved.

RESOLUTION 2005-1: Tax Advances. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Ms. Dubose, all members approved.

Motion to pass made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro:

1. Distributed 2005 Council Agenda.
2. Re: Streetscape – Nearing completion, but it is late getting finished. He will ask for additional work versus payment of penalty.
3. Signed license contract for signal wire removal.
4. Will check with McBride on blight studies, report will be back to us for review in a couple of weeks.

Vice Mayor Dubose:

1. Re: Level 3 Snow Emergency has different meanings in different communities, as does the enforcement – same differences. Chief Tilley replied that as soon as we have a county wide definition, we will enforce. We will publish on the website and newsletter.
2. CSI – trash was not picked up on Thursday, December 23, 2004. Who was/is responsible?

Per Mr. Butler, homeowner is responsible. We will put both items in February newsletter.

3. Good to see Mr. Creager. Does he have a report for council?

Mayor Zaffiro replied he has the report and will give it to council.

POLICE CHIEF/SERVICE DIRECTOR: Mr. Tilley reported:

1. Snow Emergency – From Wednesday morning of December 22 through Friday morning December 24, the village expended approximately 32 tons of road salt. Our entire supply. At 1000 hrs, the 22nd, I ordered an additional 20 tons, but they were unable to guarantee a delivery date. It arrived Wednesday, December 29. During the level III emergency the road crew, the duty officer, and myself have never dealt with such a belligerent and obnoxious group of residents at any time during a snow problem in any of our recent history. Residents stopped the plow twice yelling at the operators, the cell phone of the police department took numerous calls about the placement of the plowed snow, as did the village phones, which I made a mistake in answering when I came in off patrol. While on patrol the officer and I were stopped by angry residents concerning the plow doing its job. Seems like everyone was missing the point, that in a level III you are not even to be out on the roads. About noon I informed the plow truck to notify us immediately of additional problems, and that we would respond to make arrests for “misconduct at an emergency”. If this happens again, that is the instructions I will give to the police department.
2. Drug Interdiction – I have been told that members of council want the police department to begin the drug interdiction program again. That would be fine however; I need additional appropriations for that. The Finance Committee cut my operating expenses FY2005 to the bone. There are no additional funds in my budget for special projects such as this. If council requires this program, I need an immediate additional appropriation of \$12,259.00 to be made and placed in my budget. These funds would cover 12 hours of overtime per week for 6 months, plus court costs, plus fuel. Without these funds, the program can not be implemented.

3. Tentative Final Leaf Totals – The tentative total for disposal of leaves for the 2004 leaf season is 24.5 tons. From reviewing last year's totals this appears to be about 75% of what was collected in 2003.
4. Tax Incentive Review Council Representative – Every municipality participating in the Enterprise Zone program must formally designate two (2) representatives to service on the council. The Golf Manor council must locate individuals to participate and also to approve these appointments. The one rep from Golf Manor that I contacted no longer has any interest in participating. Alan Zaffiro was the second rep.
5. Officer Rob Heiland - Officer Heiland was asked to participate in the Shop-with-a-Cop program through his FOP lodge. About 10 days prior to Christmas a group of children and police officers went shopping on the West Side of town. Rob said it was a total success.
6. We are taking applications for a new Police Dept. Officer.

BUILDING DEPT. REPORT: Mayor Zaffiro stated that the Service Director will give this report, with input from the Mayor, to council. Mr. Creager has a full plate and hasn't the time to prepare a written report. He is currently working on:

1. Flea market – partial roof collapse.
2. Bakery Property – Stopped work.
3. Auto Detailer – Finish outside work.
4. Pony Keg: Repairs and painting completed. Ms. Dubose suggested enforcement of sign code for town awning.
5. Ellenbee Leggett – will address matter.
6. Paint Project – Half village complete.
7. Porch Awnings – Collapses being worked on.
8. Garage Roofs – Collapses being worked on.
9. Stover Avenue Apts. – 3 sold, working permits.
10. Streetscape Project – Concrete and asphalt complete.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Ballman:

1. Thanked council for employee's holiday gift cards.
2. Distributed December 2004 Fire & EMS response report to Golf Manor Council.
3. Re: Downtown Auto Parts – North end of building – roof collapsed and may not be done falling in. Hamilton County has issued vacate orders. Golf Manor Fire Dept has issued vacate orders. Owner will not contest permanent total condemnation of property, will result in demolition orders. If damage is greater than 60% of value, building can not be rebuilt same as current use (Auto Salvage Co.).

STREETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Brown:

1. Thanked Mr. Tilley for demographics report but requested additional report from Mayor Zaffiro.
2. Gave us a "C" grade on snow removal.

Mr. Ed Haake added that he thinks we did a very good job considering the amount of snow we had in 2 days.

SOLICITOR: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Tilley and Mayor Zaffiro asked council for names for the Tax Incentive Review Council as soon as possible.

Mayor Zaffiro distributed 2005 Council Agenda for review and First Suburbs Consortium memo on Greater Ohio Action Agenda.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Dubose, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.